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Worldwide support network for PHP user groups launches

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 7, 2007 – PHP Groups, a worldwide network for PHP user groups, launched today with the intent to foster an open community for PHP user groups to share and exchange ideas and information. Membership is open to anyone working with a PHP user group or interested in starting one.

“This is a great opportunity for PHP user groups to become more aware of each other, find out what works and what doesn’t, and share ideas and, potentially, some resources. I think the overall PHP community will benefit from this kind of exchange at the grassroots level—the user groups,” said Ben Ramsey, the organizer of the Atlanta PHP user group and one of the founding members of PHP Groups.

Every month, PHP.net lists events for over fifty PHP user groups. However, there may be as many as 200 or more PHP user groups around the world. PHP Groups seeks to unite these user groups and provide a means for them to communicate with each other.

User groups are clubs focused on the use of a particular technology. PHP user groups focus on the PHP programming language and related technologies such as Linux, the Apache Web server, and the MySQL and PostgreSQL databases. The first PHP user group formed in Chicago in 1997.

At present, PHP Groups provides a mailing list where user group leaders and those interested may subscribe and take part in a dialog with other user groups. “I hope that part of our accomplishments will involve uniting and bringing together for an open dialog all of the PHP user groups across the world,” said Ramsey. “I hope this mailing list can get that conversation going.”

To subscribe to the PHP Groups mailing list, go to www.phpgroups.org.

About PHP Groups

PHP Groups networks PHP user groups into a tighter community, provides a means to share information and resources among its community members, and aids in the formation of new PHP user groups.

About PHP

PHP: Hypertext Preprocessor, or simply PHP, is a “widely-used general-purpose scripting language,” designed with the Internet in mind. Commonly implemented to manipulate databases and dynamic content on the server, PHP is also an indispensable local scripting tool. Delivering high performance, intuitive syntax, powerful structure, and a rich feature set, PHP puts ideas into action, both locally and on the Internet.

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